

Utah Air Force Association Aerospace Education Foundation

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Memorandum for Utah K-12 Educators

Subject: State and Chapter Aerospace Education Teachers of the Year Awards

Again this year, the Utah Aerospace Education Foundation (AEF), an affiliate of the Utah Air Force Association (AFA), will present the Aerospace Education Teacher of the Year Awards to deserving educators. These awards are an exceptional opportunity to recognize special educators, and we strongly encourage applications!

National and Utah AFA and AEF recognize the valuable role educators fill in stimulating our youth to "reach for the stars" in their dreams and aspirations and in making tomorrow's world better. These awards recognize Utah teachers who have taken special initiative to use aerospace education to lead students toward a basic awareness of one or more facets of aerospace technologies, sciences, history, and/or applications — *Utah teachers who emphasize connections between their classroom and our nation's expanding need for qualified individuals in aerospace careers!*

Three candidates will be selected as our three Utah AFA chapters' Aerospace Education Teachers of the Year. One of these three will be selected as our Utah AFA State Aerospace Education Teacher of the Year. Winners will earn certificates, and will divide several thousand dollars in cash prizes.

If you are interested *or know someone who may be*, please see the TOY information and application available at www.schools.utah.gov/curr/sci, or www.utahafa.org under the Chapter and State Teacher of the Year "awards" section. Attach any supporting documentation and letters of recommendations.

Not later than Friday, 20 April, please submit completed application package to: Utah Aerospace Foundation, c/o Teacher of the Year, Box 502, Clearfield UT, 84089-0502.

If you have any questions, please email <u>UtahAEF@yahoo.com</u> and one of the UT AEF Board members involved in this program will respond.

Please reproduce this information and attached forms as necessary.

Winners will be announced with further information by early May, in time for recognition at a formal Teacher of the Year banquet in SLC on May 23^{rd} (details to be announced). Judges will include Utah class-room teachers who are specialists in aerospace education + representatives from the aerospace industry.

We're anxious to find and recognize the fine Utah educators who are the basis for our nation's air and space future!

Sincerely,

Kit Workman, Utah AEF President